

How to Learn More

Over the Phone:

NCI's Cancer Information Service

1-800-4-Cancer
(TTY 1-800-332-8615)

- To find up-to-date cancer information for you and your patients.
- To find cancer clinical trials covered by the DoD/NCI Cancer Trials Demonstration.

DoD Cancer Trials

Demonstration Coordinator

1-800-779-3060

- To learn more about the scope of this project.
- For authorization to enroll your patient in a NCI-sponsored clinical trial.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

New Choices in Cancer Care

Prevention and Treatment



*Information for
Healthcare Providers*



TRICARE

*Offering new choices to prevent and
treat cancer*

As a physician or health professional, you are dedicated to providing the latest, most effective medical care for your patients. If you care for patients with cancer or at risk for cancer, offering them an option to enroll in clinical trials sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) may give them access to the most promising advances in cancer research.

Nearly 8.3 million beneficiaries are eligible to receive care within the military health system (MHS). To provide MHS doctors and specialists more treatment options for their patients, the Department of Defense (DoD) joined forces with NCI through an interagency agreement, known as the DoD/NCI Cancer Clinical Trials Demonstration Project. This agreement gives healthcare providers the option of enrolling their TRICARE-eligible patients in cancer prevention and treatment studies as part of their standard healthcare benefits.

Clinical trials offer your patients some of the most promising advances in cancer prevention and treatment research. However, before you consider enrolling your patients in a clinical trial, there are many important questions to consider.



New Choices in Cancer Prevention and Treatment

The DoD/NCI Cancer Clinical Trials Demonstration Project

What types of clinical trials are included in this agreement?

The DoD/NCI agreement covers NCI-sponsored phase II and phase III cancer prevention and treatment clinical trials. Phase II trials focus on learning whether a new therapy has an anticancer effect, usually focusing on a particular type of cancer. Phase III clinical trials compare promising new approaches against standard therapy.

In cancer prevention trials, people take medicines or supplements or participate in certain activities that doctors believe will lower their cancer risk. Cancer treatment trials test new therapies on people diagnosed with cancer.

Why enroll my patients in clinical trials?

Participants in phase II and phase III clinical trials are among the first to receive new cancer prevention or treatment methods before they are widely available. For some TRICARE beneficiaries with cancer, the DoD/NCI Clinical Trials project offers choices when few treatment options exist. It's important to remind your patients that they will not receive a placebo therapy when an effective one exists.

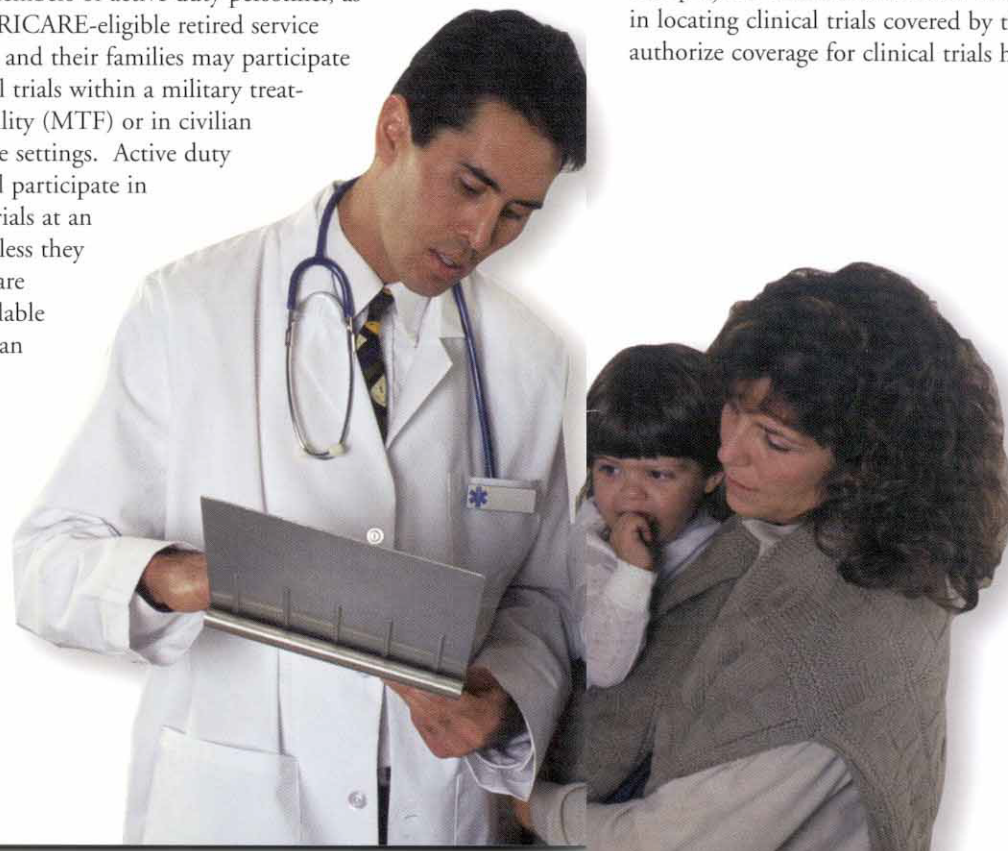
Your patients may want to take part in cancer clinical trials hoping to find a cure for their disease, live a longer time, improve their quality of life or to prevent cancer. Clinical trial participants may benefit from emerging research on successful approaches to preventing or treating cancer. The results of clinical trials advance the future of cancer therapy and help others to prevent or survive this disease.

Where are NCI-sponsored trials conducted?

NCI-sponsored clinical trials take place in the same facilities where standard care is given. There are more than 2,000 sites throughout the U.S., including military hospitals, clinics, comprehensive and clinical cancer centers, community hospitals and practices. While clinical trial participation can require the patient to change physicians, there are times when their own doctor or specialist can administer certain parts of the clinical trial.

Which patients are eligible to enroll?

Family members of active duty personnel, as well as TRICARE-eligible retired service members and their families may participate in clinical trials within a military treatment facility (MTF) or in civilian healthcare settings. Active duty personnel participate in clinical trials at an MTF, unless they require care only available at a civilian cancer center.



What costs are covered by this agreement?

Costs for screening tests to determine clinical trial eligibility as well as the associated costs of participation in cancer clinical trials are covered by the agreement. If referred outside the military treatment facility, TRICARE Prime members are responsible for normal copayments, even if the provider is not in the TRICARE Network. For family members receiving care from civilian providers using TRICARE Extra and Standard, all normal deductibles and copayments apply.

How do I enroll my patients?

Contact the authorizing body for the DoD/NCI demonstration project. The demonstration coordinator can assist you in locating clinical trials covered by this program and also authorize coverage for clinical trials held outside the MTF.

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On the Internet:

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/cancertrials>

- TRICARE's guide to cancer clinical trials in the military health system.

<http://cancerTrials.nci.nih.gov>

- National Cancer Institute's introduction to clinical trials, providing the latest news in cancer research.
- Provides access to NCI's database of current cancer clinical trials, including those offered in military treatment facilities, with a step-by-step guide to find them.

<http://Cancernet.nci.nih.gov>

- Provides general cancer information and cancer treatment summaries.

pdqsearch@icic.nci.nih.gov

- National Cancer Institute's PDQ Service Center email address.
- Email the NCI's PDQ Service Center with a request to find a cancer clinical trial for your patient that is covered by this agreement.

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